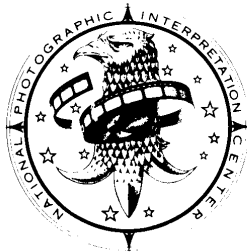


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**SOUTHWEST INFANTRY DIVISION, FIRST ARMY GROUP
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ABSTRACT

1. This report identifies and delineates the major army units subordinate to the Southwest Infantry Division of the North Korean First Army Group. The report is based on analysis of all photographic coverage from October 1970 through October 1972; it contains a location map and a photograph. The purpose of this report is to combine point targets into area targets to provide more meaningful reporting.

INTRODUCTION

2. The North Korean First Army Group protects the security of the eastern sector of the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) and commands three on-line infantry divisions, an infantry brigade, and an infantry division held in reserve. The major elements of the Southwest Infantry Division are three infantry regiments (one in reserve), an artillery regiment, a mortar regiment, a tank battalion consisting of two tank companies, and a division headquarters area.

3. This report is the fourth of a series designed to realign the boundaries of the existing Basic Encyclopedia (BE) point targets into BE target areas. The realignment of the BE boundaries has been coordinated with DIA and CIA analysts, and appropriate BE action has been taken by DIA. In the future the entire division will be reported under the BE number now assigned to the headquarters area [redacted]. The area nomenclatures and boundaries have been assigned for reporting purposes.

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4. Subsequent reports will follow, as time and manpower permit, on all divisions within the First, Fifth, and Second Army Groups. Supplemental reports will follow when significant changes are observed within the reported areas.

BASIC DESCRIPTION

5. The Southwest Infantry Division (Figures 1 and 2), a subordinate of the First Army Group, occupies the southwest sector of the First Army Group area of responsibility. This area apparently extends westward to 38-21N 127-34E and eastward to 38-20N 127-56E. The adjacent defense sector to the east is occupied by the South-Central Infantry Division, and to the west by the Southeast Infantry Division subordinate to the Fifth Army Group. The inset table to Figure 2 lists the units of the Southwest Infantry Division with their geographic coordinates and associated BE numbers.

Sariwon Barracks Area A Hq Inf Div

6. The infantry division headquarters area (item A, Figures 1 and 2) consists of one C-shaped headquarters building, two administration buildings, four barracks, one probable auditorium under construction, four vehicle sheds, numerous quarters and support buildings, and a six-position light AAA site.

Igan-dong Mil Area A FA Site

7. The Infantry Regiment Area (item B, Figures 1 and 2) consists of 35 barracks, four administration buildings, two messhalls, 20 vehicle sheds, extensive trenching along the DMZ, numerous quarters and support buildings, and a six-position mortar battery.

Songjong Army Barracks

8. The infantry regiment area (item C, Figures 1 and 2) consists of 21 barracks, two administration buildings (one C-shaped), two messhalls, six vehicle sheds, numerous quarters and support buildings, and extensive trenching throughout the area.

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Sariwon Army Bks A Hq Inf Regt

9. The infantry regiment area (item D, Figures 1 and 2) consists of 32 barracks, six administration buildings, five messhalls, one auditorium, 19 vehicle sheds, numerous quarters and support buildings, and extensive trenching throughout the area.

Kumsong Hq Arty Regt A Army Bks SE

10. The artillery regiment area (item E, Figures 1 and 2) consists of 33 barracks, three administration buildings, four messhalls, eight vehicle sheds, numerous quarters and support buildings, and four howitzer battalions consisting of 12 four-position tunnel-served howitzer batteries. A standard artillery regiment normally consists of two howitzer battalions and one flat-trajectory gun battalion; however, due to the rugged terrain of this divisional area, it appears that the North Koreans have substituted a heavy howitzer battalion in place of the flat-trajectory gun battalion. The fourth howitzer battalion within this area is probably the artillery battalion attached to one of the infantry regiments.

Sariwon Army Barracks SE

11. The mortar regiment area (item F, Figures 1 and 2) consists of 31 barracks, three administration buildings, 20 small vehicle sheds, numerous quarters and support buildings, extensive



FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF SOUTHWEST INFANTRY DIVISION, FIRST ARMY GROUP, NORTH KOREA

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trenching throughout the area, and numerous mortar positions stretched across the center of the divisional front.

Kumsong Armor Installation

12. The tank company area (item G, Figures 1 and 2) consists of five barracks, one administration building, two messhalls, three vehicle sheds, 19 support buildings, and four tunnel-served firing revetments with a reverse-slope tunnel entrance.

Kyongpa-ri Military Installation

13. The tank company area (item H, Figures 1 and 2) consists of five barracks, one messhall, two vehicle sheds, 12 support buildings, and four tunnel-served firing revetments with a reverse-slope tunnel entrance.

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